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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of September 16. I am sending several of my papers which might be of interest to you under separate cover.

I would be very interested in coming to Madison to talk to you. We have belatedly become very interested in the subject of genetics and I am sure that I would profit greatly by a thorough discussion of our mutual area of interest. The third week in November would be most convenient, either the 18th or 20th, if possible.

Burnet's concept of randomization is very interesting and I have had occasion to discuss it at some length with him. I feel, however, that a somewhat simpler alternative has not been ruled out, namely the direct genic inheritance, a relatively large number of different globulin molecules. This latter alternative requires an explanation of immunological specificity quite different from the classical one, and I would particularly like the opportunity to discuss this with you and also the experimental procedures which will be required to distinguish between the two alternatives.

Cordially yours,

David W. Talmage, M.D.

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November 18 would be splendid - looking forward to seeing you. So let me know your itinerary so I can look after accommodations (if you stay over night) and at minimums pick you up at the airport or RR depot.

J-L